

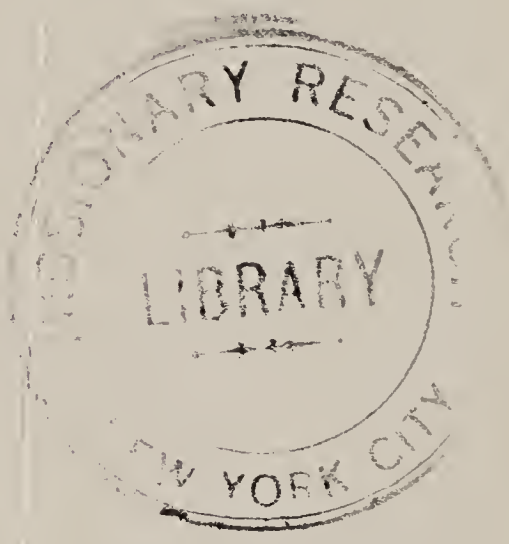
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(A non-profit organization which has been formed, we believe, by the will of the Lord to act as a co-ordinating agency to assist in evangelizing the world by helping self-supporting Christian witnesses obtain opportunities to earn their own living as they establish themselves on the home and foreign fields.)

TWELVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PRAY FOR IT

One thousand million souls who have not been reached for Christ still challenge the combined resources of the Christian Church. Any organization that can reduce this staggering figure, without hindering the efforts of sister organizations, is a welcome ally in this greatest of Enterprises.

Many feel that self-supporting missionaries who ply their trade in needy areas is the only way that the tremendous manpower of the Church can be satisfactorily harnessed in the execution of the Great Commission. Following are some of the reasons that Co-Laborers, Inc., feels that there is a place for such a ministry.

1. IT IS A SCRIPTURAL METHOD

The first wave of missionary activity was a great lay movement. All except the Apostles were scattered abroad and they all went everywhere preaching the Word. (Acts 8.) It is obvious that they supported themselves. Paul, the greatest of all missionaries, used this method almost exclusively (Acts 20:34) even though he was a fully ordained and accredited missionary of the Church.

2. IT IS AN HISTORICAL METHOD

Eusebius comments glowingly on this method of laymen selling their homes and possessions and going out to the uttermost parts as witnesses for Christ. Other historians tell what an important part Christian businessmen and traders played in the spread of the Gospel. This proven method needs re-emphasis, in that it has been obviously neglected.

3. IT ELIMINATES MAJOR HINDRANCES

The greatest obstacle in foreign missionary work today is recognized to be the lack of finance. Self-supporting Gospel witnesses will not divert a penny of present missionary sources. Furthermore, some of the requirements which mission boards of necessity must enforce need not be so strictly applied. For instance, if a man seeks to bear witness to Christ in a foreign community, his age, number of children, linguistic abilities, and formal education need have no bearing on his participation in the Great Commission.

4. IT WILL NOT BE DRASTICALLY AFFECTED BY TRENDS

Depressions and other world contingencies, such as war, could not effectually curtail such a program.

5. IT IS TIMELY

With the whole world crying for the advantage of America's technical skills, this program becomes eminently feasible. Thousands of people are moving from their homes to accept remunerative positions in other countries---why should they not be Christians, with a vibrant testimony?

6. IT PROVIDES AN OTHERWISE IMPOSSIBLE ENTRANCE TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES

Many governments frown on, and even prohibit the entrance of missionaries, but they gladly welcome agriculturists, engineers and businessmen.

7. IT ESTABLISHES A MUCH NEEDED CO-ORDINATION

There are large numbers of earnest Christians who long to actually get out to the foreign mission field. A co-ordinating organization that can put them in touch with job opportunities, having Gospel opportunities, is all that they need, along with a medium for directive fellowship.

8. IT EMPHASIZES THE BASIC ESSENTIAL IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The appeal of a consistent Christian life provides at least half of the persuasive effectiveness of the Gospel. This power can surmount even the language barrier, and would not be limited by lack of formal training. One example is better than a thousand arguments.

9. IT CAN IN NO WAY BE COMPETITIVE WITH ESTABLISHED GOSPEL WORK

Every organization or group interested in spreading the Good News can include this program in their work.

10. IT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE ALL-OUT CHALLENGE OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Such a program would ask of our finest minds and most capable hands a willingness to give their best to Christ. In too many instances the born-again man or woman who is not gifted in public speaking or music feels that there is no place of importance that he can fill in the Gospel enterprises. Under this method, any person can be out on the front lines under the guiding hand of the Lord of the Harvest.

11. IT ACCENTS THE GREAT COMMISSION

Any organization that does this in the light of the Word of God, and endeavors to obey the command to "go" may legitimately feel that their emphasis is needed. The Great Commission has very few restrictive conditions; and it faces us with a stupendous unfinished task which Christian conscience cannot avoid. Co-Laborers are needed out there.

12. IT WILL GREATLY BENEFIT THE HOME CHURCH

The fact one or more goes forth from the local church will greatly help the spirit of Prayer, the world vision of Missions and the spirit of Evangelism in the home congregation.

CHALLENGE

If we are willing to help, Christ can win the world. Our country has the resources and we believe the Lord is putting it upon the hearts of the people of America to do something about it. We can help in two ways: we can give or we can go. Should we refuse, we do not deserve to survive.

1. I will support my church in this program. ☐
2. I will assist financially some partner who may go. ☐
3. I will assist by prayer and financial support Co-Laborers, Incorporated. ☐
4. I would be willing to go if the Lord opens the way. Please send me one of your application blanks. ☐

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1. Prayer. Help lay this before all your praying friends.
2. Spread this vision, write to your Christian editors and radio broadcasts, and post notices on your Church bulletin board.
3. Distribute literature about this program. Send us the names of those who pray and are vitally interested in evangelizing our generation.
4. Volunteer to go yourself. Write for application blank.
5. Help us to launch this program by your financial assistance. Eventually it will become entirely self-supporting.

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